(b) if so, the details thereof and its implication on India's foreign policy?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) A joint naval exercise by the Indian Navy, with the navies of USA, Australia, Singapore and Japan, is planned to be held in Bay of Bengal during September, 2007. The conduct of the joint exercise is in consonance with India's foreign policy.

Extension of BRO roads in Uttarakhand

†1725. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various steps to be taken for extension of network of Border Roads Organisation in the Indian territory alongwith China and Nepal of Uttarakhand; and

(b) the details of roads to be constructed by Border Roads Organisation in this area and by when the roads which are under construction will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) Government have approved the proposal for construction of eight roads measuring 212.49 Km in length for extension of Border Roads network in Uttarakhand along China and Nepal border.

Border Roads Organisation have already commenced the construction work on two roads (16.35 Km) and work on six roads (196.14 Km) will be taken up on completion of land acquisition and necessary forest clearances. These roads are planned for completion in phased manner between 2009 and 2014 as detailed below:–

Number of roads and Length	Year of completion
One road (6.35 Km)	By 2009
One road (10.00 Km)	By 2010
Four roads (113.54 Km)	By 2011
One road (50.00 Km)	By 2013
One road (32.60 Km)	By 2014

Defects in MBT Arjun

1726. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have detected some major defects in the Main Battle Tank 'Arjun' during the course of its field trial;

(b) if so, who are responsible to find out the defects during the last 40 years and what are the details of the defects found out;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.